

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Fabio PAPES *et al.*  
Title: ***CAMBIUM/XYLEM-PREFERRED  
PROMOTERS AND USES THEREOF***  
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Examiner: Li ZHENG  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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This paper responds to a final Office action mailed May 25, 2010, and is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the captioned application. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period.

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